GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROFESSIONAL GROUPS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to professional groups and individuals for special performing arts projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided during 2005-06, till date, programme-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for promotion of fine arts and performing arts at school level;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the manner in which it will be helpful to the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism & Culture (Department of Culture) is running a Scheme entitled "Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals engaged for specified performing Arts Projects". Under this Scheme financial assistance is provided to dramatic groups, theatre groups, music ensembles, children theatre, solo artists and for all genres of performing arts activities. The scheme has the following major components:

1. Salary Grant

2. Production Grant.

As per latest available records a sum of Rs.8,48,00,000/-(Rupees Eight crores forty eight lakhs only) has been disbursed for salary grant and a sum of Rs.1,73,00,000/- (Rupees One crore seventy three lakhs only) has been disbursed for production grant during the current financial year (2005-2006) so far.

(c) ,(d) and (e): No, Sir. Does not arise.